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1. A series of forest clearings with wooden platforms is located in a wooded area south of Lake Danilovo (N68-44, E32-44) and about six kilometers west of Lake Korg (N68-45, E32-53). Three cleared strips run in a north-south direction, with about 500 meters of woods between the clearings. The clearings are about 20 meters wide. [redacted] 50X1-HUM not determine how far these clearings extend to the north, since they disappear on the horizon. To the south they connect with a fourth clearing which runs in an east-west direction. The fourth clearing is about 30 meters wide and has a footpath running down the middle between the platforms. [redacted] the path gave evidence of much use [redacted] (See Sketch No. 1) 50X1-HUM
2. The wooden platforms are located on natural hills in each of the four clearings and are about 100 meters apart. They are of rough construction. The floors of the platforms are about 1.5 meters square and have a low railing around the sides. They are supported by four posts about three to four meters high, with cross supports running between them. A crude ladder is attached to the cross supports and leads to the floor of the platform. [redacted] observed [redacted] a pipe leading from the center of the platform down into the ground. The ground around the platforms was well trampled. [redacted] three to five platforms in each of the four clearings. (See Sketch No. 2) 50X1-HUM
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3. Trees that were cut to make the clearings are strewn on the sides of the four cleared areas. At the time of observation, the branches were still green, and [redacted] the areas were cleared in summer 1952. [redacted] the platforms are used by the Soviets in watching forced laborers who might be working in the area. 50X1-HUM
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4. There are indications that lumbering activities and road construction work may be going on in the vicinity. Sounds of an engine and of wood chopping could be heard during the night from an area two or three kilometers north of the clearings. In the area south-east of the clearings, most of the trees have been cut down and branches are stacked in many piles, but there are no signs of felled tree trunks or sawed lumber. Further

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to the south, [] three trucks parked on a road which parallels the east bank of the Krotovie River. Voices and engine sounds could be heard coming from this [] 50X1-HUM
[] construction work must be going on in this area. No persons were observed, [] 50X1-HUM

5. The only building visible in the region of these four clearings is a three-story, white, or unpainted, building about ten kilometers from the clearings, in the direction of Murmashi (N68-49, E32-50). The building is located on a hill and appears to be surrounded by a wooden fence. Between the building and the fence, wooden poles, which are taller than the fence, are placed in the ground. [] these might be flag poles and that the building itself may be some kind of festival hall.

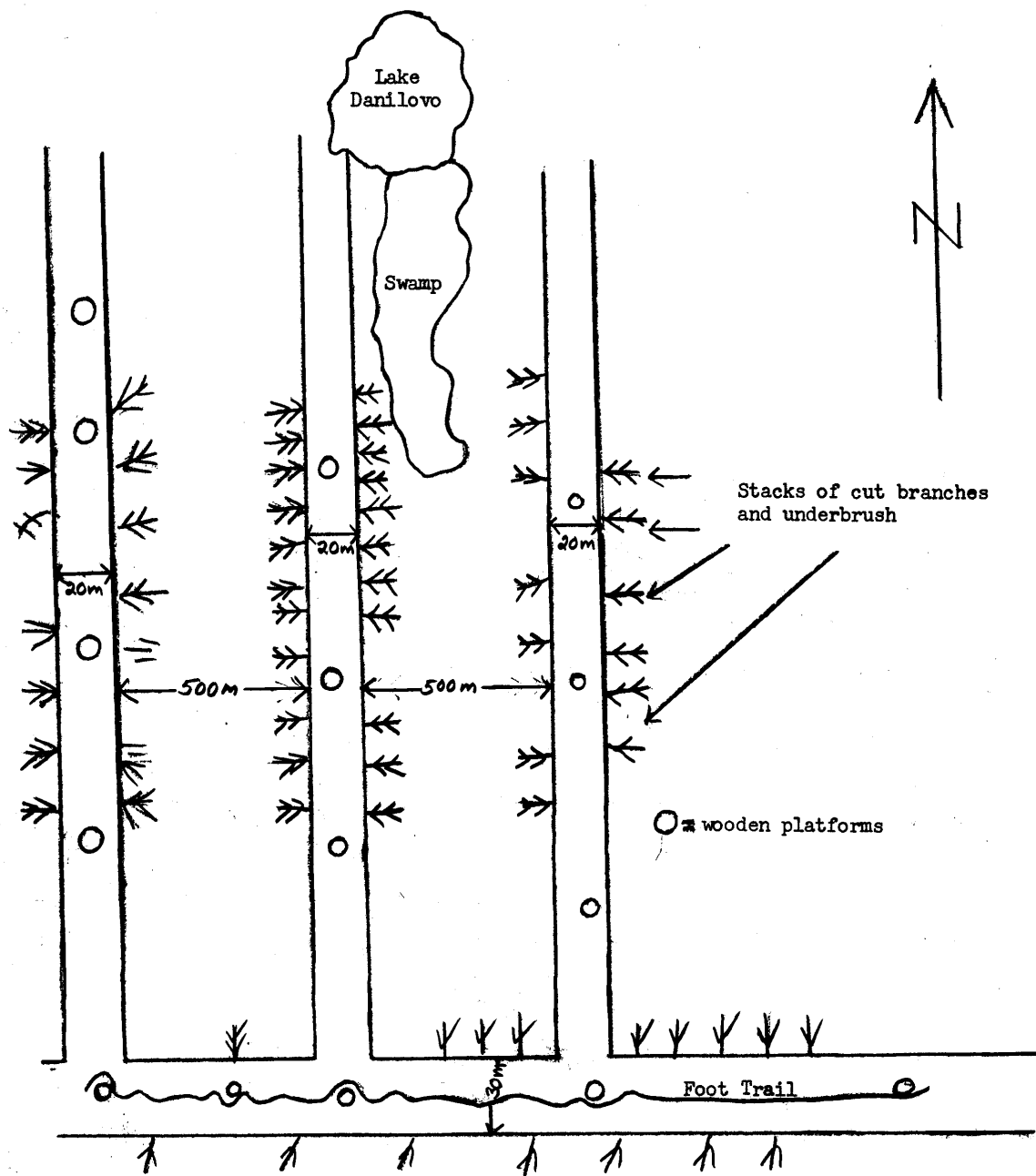
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Sketch No. 1: Forest Clearings Near Lake Danilovo

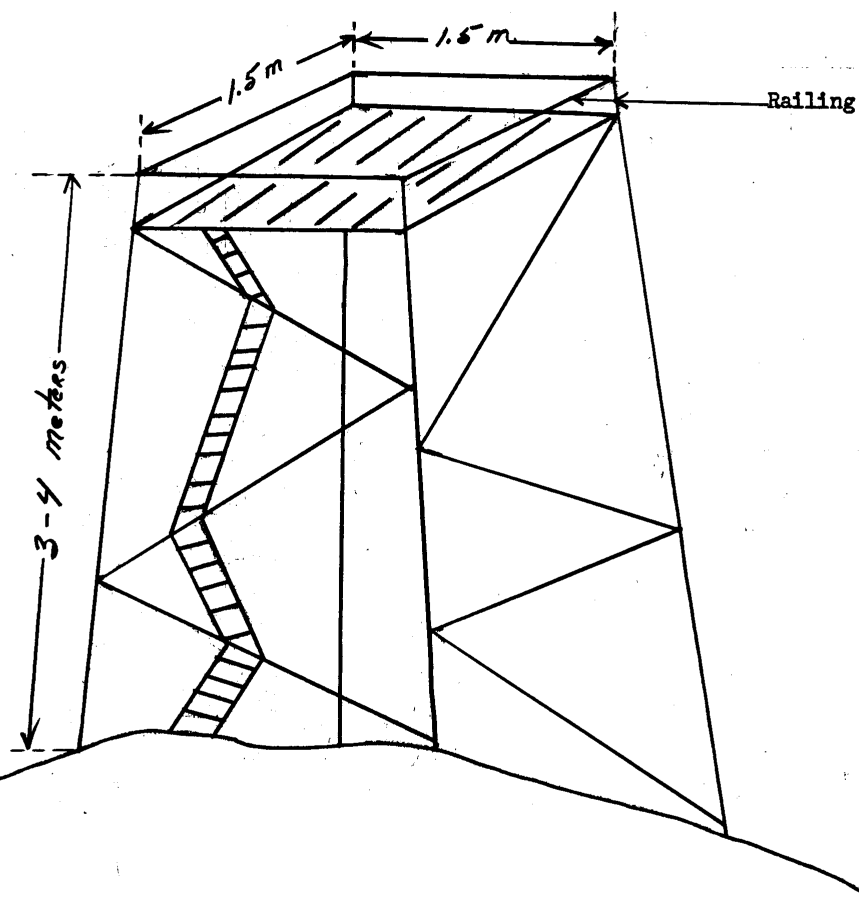
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